# INTERVIEW WITH ELLIS SAAD FEBRUARY 22, 1990 NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

# **KEY**

KY - Kathy Yost (EPA)

ES - Ellis Saad

DW - Dennis Whittlesey (Represents Aladdin Industries)

MJN - Mary Jane Norville (Represents Sequa Corporation)

RF - Rita Ford (EPA)

# NOTE:

The attached list indicates the order in which companies were discussed during the interview.

#### Tape 1 - Side 1

- RF Tell us what you remember about them. The first few pages, Ellis are the ones we already have, the ones that were submitted with your affidavit come later. But we can start with just at the top.
- KY Okay the first one is Mr. Tom Picket with General Electric Motors and he remembers them as being PRP and they were customers.
- ES Yea, they were customers.
- KY I don't know exactly how you want to do this. We're trying to keep it real informal, but, um, if you would elaborate a little bit whether they were . . .
- ES You know, all my testimony was based on being around the place a lot. Not actually being involved in management or operations as such but being in the area working with my brother trying to help him.
- KY And General Electric Motors was one of the big customers you say.
- ES Oh yea, I remember them.
- KY Is there anything more than that you want to add.
- ES I made a couple of trips there myself to try to help them figure out ways to you know hold the waste, put it in barrels and drums. I even gave General Electric some quotes occasionally of putting them in some tanks. I'm not sure I can remember now but I believe it was a couple of tanks that he had there that belonged to John that they were putting the

- oil in for.
- ES This was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and I also went to the Hendersonville Plant for him.
- KY That would be the next one Mr. Ed Shea
- ES There was two of them.
- DW You actually visited both of those plants yourself and picked up motor oil?
- I might have rode with one of the trucks one time and showed 'em where to go and what to do. But I was looking into helping them. What job I had with John to help him was to determine if he needed something built or constructed to handle an account. I usually, if I was involved, I was involved basically at the beginning. At the beginning of . . .
- DW Your visits to Murfreesboro and Hendersonville were almost in the form of servicing the account?
- ES Yea, Yea you might say that.
- KY We want to move along to the Nashville Drum Service.
- ES He pumped the oil from there that the man accumulated out of the drums when he was reconditioning the drums. He sold the people a lot of old drums, like I was telling you about it. He's the best one of the company we've sent drums to be reconditioned. He sold drums to him and brought drums back and the reason was it was a certain kind of drum he was

- looking for all the time and it was a certain kind of drum he acquired all the time that they had a market for.
- KY Do you remember the name of the people you dealt with there?
  Is it Marlin?
- ES Mr. Marlin. I don't know if he's still with them or whether he's still in business. Do you? Have ya'll heard from him?
- KY Is this the same name? Are they under a different name or were they under a different name at that time?
- ES They used to be by the way on Moore's Lane between Franklin and Brentwood. Mr. Marlin was a Plant Manager there.
- KY He was?
- ES Yes ma'am.
- KY It was the company on Moore's Lane you used?
- ES I notice this address is different. So they've moved evidently. They were somewhere else before then and I really can't remember somewhere I believe it was off of Charlotte in Nashville. On Charlotte off of, somewhere I'd say in the vicinity of 35th and Charlotte. You could almost see the place from I-40 going to Memphis.
- DW Other than Bill Marlin is there anybody else at National Drum you remember?
- ES Well he had a son that worked with him and we called him Marlin, Jr. I forget what his first name was.
- DW Could it be John Marlin?
- KY I don't remember. To be honest with you I just remember his son working there with me in the plant with me all the time. I even gave National Drum Service some estimates to build

some tanks for him and some concrete containment areas and stuff like that. That's been a long, long time ago.

- DW When they clean tanks, you all pick up the residue and take it back over to the same site?
- ES Yes and no. Well all we've have got was his oil. One of the reasons I gave him some estimates for putting in a separator. We suggested to him that he needed a separator that would separate the oil and the water and caustic mixture that he worked with so that we could acquire the oil. We even tried to encourage him to do it and pay him for the oil. He had good oil because a lot of the drums, like he would get drums from all the major oil companies and bulk plants and they'd all have about that much at the bottom of brand new oil. When you accumulate all of that out of 2,000 drums you've got a little oil. We tried to encourage him and show him to keep it in a separate tank and fix up a separator system to separate it so that when we go in there to pump a load of oil that we get a truckload of some pretty good oil with very little water and caustic mixture being in it. After we pumped it out. We didn't want to haul something that's no value.
- DW Did he ever do the separator?
- es Not that I know of. He never got me to do it. See that was only a few times I was at his place usually for that purpose trying to help his situation with us to get some good oil.

  Cause I know a lot of times John would send a truck to him and they'd come back empty. And he said what he had wasn't

- any oil. We instructed him not to pump nothing unless it was oil.
- KY Did you want a hard copy rather than writing on a fax?
- ES Excuse me just a minute, this gentlemen here, what was your name, I'm sorry?
- DW I'm Dennis Whittlesey and I represent Aladdin Industries.
- ES Oh, okay. They said you were from Washington. I wasn't sure who you were, I thought you were with the Washington, D.C. or the President sent you. See how misleading that was?
- DW I apologize.
- KY All right you want to move along then to Mr. Walt Kneuer with TRW. You remember TRW?
- ES I never went, that was a place I don't ever remember even going there to the facilities. But I know John sent trucks there to pump oil from them.
- KY And Mr. Robert Walters, does that name?
- DW That's the attorney.
- KY Does anybody want to ask anything more about that or can we move on to Textron Aerostructures?
- ES Which used to be Aladdin.
- DW I may have a question. No I don't have a question about TRW,
  I quess I will.
- KY Did John's trucks pick up all the oil? I guess one of the
   questions I got from other people on the list was could
   another trucker have picked up waste and carried it to John
   at the \_\_\_\_\_?
- ES All his trucks had John P. Saad & Sons written on the back,

the front, the sides in great big red and white signs. I don't even know, I hadn't even seen even an and old one or one he might have left over. But they were about this big. John said it was art and it was red letters on a white background that they stuck on all the trucks you know, they were that peel off the back. All his trucks, all the years we were ever in business that I can remember had his name on them like that. Not painted on, John went to that stick-on stuff and I don't remember exactly when but up till when Dad died he had his name painted on it.

- KY Do you remember and I think this would have been in the '80s so maybe after you weren't around as much do you remember they tried to change the name, I think Mr. Cowan?
- ES Now that was after I was around. I had no knowledge of

  Mr. Cowan or his operation and it was news to me when I heard
  about it.
- KY So to your knowledge did they do this? Did they use the same trucks and all that?
- I don't know. I really don't. I have no knowledge of what John and Mr. Cowan and all of them did after that happened. I was no longer around. I never even stopped by. Someone else told me that he had sold and they were partners with him. Right now I can't remember.
- KY What about Textron Aerostructures? Did they used to be somebody else?
- ES I'm trying to think. What was it called before it was

  Textron? Um AVCO. Then Textron bought AVCO out. And I'm

going to have to tell ya'll this, I don't know, I can't remember when the name change took place and when these people took over. I remember John servicing that plant and going to that facility and picking up oil, say as late as '78. Beyond that I can't remember.

- KY At that address? 1431?
- ES That is the place on, well that's where the airport is.

  Isn't that the same address? We passed it on the way over here.
- DW Do you remember specifically that John sent trucks to that facility?
- ES Yes.
- DW Is there any reason? Were you about to ask the same question?
- MJN You can go ahead and ask it.
- DW Is there any reason why John would have picked up animal fat from Textron?
- ES I never knew him to pick-up animal fat.
- DW You have a specific recollection on AVCO at that plant?
- ES Yea, picking up oil. I don't remember ya'll having any animal fat. Who said you had animal fat?
- DW All I can tell you is that the Textron people claim all they ever sent was animal fat.
- ES When we pumped the oil I remember pumping something out of there truck men pumping them out of drums. I went over there myself years and years ago and I'm talking about early 70's at that plant and it was before Textron was involved in it

- and it was still AVCO then and we pumped it out of drums.

  And I'm pretty sure it was from your tow motor and equipment and stuff like that.
- DW You actually saw that occurring on that site?
- ES Oh yea, yea.
- KY All right. Are we ready to move along then to R. R. Donnelly & Sons Manufacturing Division?
- I was never there. I knew John had been up there pumping their oil or whatever the stuff. I think at one time they had some paint-like thinners that they were trying to see if they could utilize and make use for. And I know he sent trucks up there to pump, but I was never in that plant and I really don't have any knowledge of what he got or what he didn't get.
- KY Tell me what years that might have been?
- ES My involvement was during the middle and late 70's, up till '78.
- KY Did they take oil and other things or was it just the other?
- ES I don't remember. I really don't. I really don't.
- DW So anything you're telling us deals with the mid-70's up to but not beyond 1978?
- ES From when he first start setting that pump plant up there till about '78. After '78 I no longer helped him and worked with him anymore.
- DW All right so that would be the early '70's up until 1978?
- ES It's been as early let's say as '74 to '78. Most of the time my involvement a lot of times would be to go to a facility

and he might already be pumping from a location and he'd say can you go by there and check to see. The men came back for instance and said they had trouble getting in to get to the drums or getting to the tank and see if we need to rig up some kind of long pipeline or something to get to it or what the problem is. And a lot of times the men would come back and just have an excuse for not doing the work. But I run troubleshooting things like that for him a lot of times. And that would be the reason I went to a site. And sometimes he'd ask me to go by because they'd call in and say they was having trouble and see if I could help them figure out how to pipe it up so they could get what they needed. Hook up enough hoses or something like that.

- KY What about the Nashville Electric Service? Were you personally there?
- ES I don't remember personally going there but I know we pumped oil there. I know I made a trip there one time when they built their new garage and facilities. They were looking to see if there would be any problem getting in to get the oil. You know.
- DW Oh, so you never went there on a pick-up, but you actually visited the site just to view the logistic aspects?
- ES Yea. That was maybe a total of eight years I might have gone out on a truck with somebody or maybe even taken a truck by myself and picked a outplace because it was an emergency.

  They called and said they were running over and it was nobody available to go. Maybe we couldn't even find John and if I

happened to have been around I'd tell the Secretary well I'll run and take care of 'em and come right back. I'd just pump enough to stop it from running over for 'em. If there was a yard man around the facilities I'd take 'em with me to help.

- KY Alright. How about Memphis Drum Service.
- ES Well, if I'm not mistaken, Memphis Drum Service was the owner of Nashville Drum Service at one time and I never went there but I know he sent a truck there and got oil a couple or few times.
- DW To Memphis?
- ES Yeah.
- DW Did you have -- what was your competition in this general area?
- ES In Memphis?
- DW Well in this around here (?).
- ES It was some -- it came and went a lot of time. Ocasionally they'd have a little and then maybe after a few months -- one summer and they'd be out of business or gone. But basically, there was no competition up to about -- when the time when -- the first competition was in Knoxville, Tennessee and then there was a guy name -- I can't even think what their name was -- Necessary I believe it was -- ya'll may have heard of them -- Waste Oil Service out of Georgia. Well, one time one of their trucks, one of the owners of the company was Necessary ... Necessary ... something like that ... it was two or three brothers with that name. You've heard the name?

ES And one of them came to Nashville and pumped some -- started pumping oil out of a tank at night and this was -- I'd say, maybe it happened -- the best I can remember I'd say it happened '75 or '76 and he lit a cigarette and blew his truck up.

# [Laughter]

- ES He was pumping out of the service station's gas tank. He tried to fix the wrong tank and lit a cigarette. They put him in the hospital, he was all -- we visited him -- well John brought charges against them and against the company for pumping a tank that it was his station and his customer had saved the oil for him. Somehow or another, they determined by prosecuting him as something, put a stop to the problem.
- DW You do have a recollection though that John actually sent a truck down to Memphis to pick up oil.
- ES From a drum place down there, a place where reconditioned drums. That's how I can remember ...
- DW Like Memphis Drum?
- I never went there, but I can't remember -- I did not ever go to Memphis to do anything for him. He never asked me. There was just no reason. I never ran a truck or had a trip or reason to go down there for myself so I never did anything for him. A lot of times when I do things for him I was maybe doing some construction work for myself and he's say, hey, while you're down there -- like I did a lot of work in Lewisburg -- he'd say, while you're down that way can you

check on something for me, there's a man down there that says he's got some oil, you know, whether it a garage or plant or service station or what, that he needs us to come and get it. And he wouldn't want to sent a truck all the way down somewhere like that, not knowing what they're getting and not knowing if they even exist and all that.

DW Do you have any recollection of the driver or drivers that would have been sent to a place like Memphis to pick up oil?

ES I know a fellow named -- let me think -- Robert Reiny when down there occasionally.

DW To Memphis?

ES Uh huh.

DW Robert, spell ....

ES Reiny.

DW R-I-N-E-Y?

ES R-E-I-N-Y, I believe is the way you spell. It's Johnnie's brother-in-law, ex-brother-in-law. He drove the truck to Memphis, he and a fellow named Bobby Joe Cole. I believe that was C-O-L-E, best I can ....

DW Sounds like somebody I went to school with.

MJN Are they still in this area?

ES I haven't seen either one of them in eight years maybe.

Whether they even still -- where they'd be, I don't know.

DW Robert Reiny was whose brother-in-law?

ES John. John's brother-in-law. He drove the truck and made a lot of trips to Memphis for him.

KY And Bobby Joe Cole. Were there any other truck drivers names

- who you remember?
- ES Let me think. There was a fellow named Boles.
- KY B-O-W-E-S?
- ES I think it was B-O-L-E-S. And what was his first name....
- KY Well if you think of it later on....
- ES I believe it was Rock.
- KY Think a little more. Anything else.
- DW That's one we'll be real interested in.
- KY Okay. Bridgestone, Firestone in Akron.
- ES Bridgestone? Well, there again, I don't remember. I can't remember when they changed to Firestone. But I know the Firestone plant -- we went down there and pumped oil.
- RF And where was that at \_\_(?) where's the Firestone plant at ?
- ES In LaVergne.
- RF In LaVergne.
- ES Which one are ya'll on?
- KY Well, I'm on the next page. Is that the one you're talking about, the one in Akron, Ohio.
- RF Yeah.
- ES Oh, we never went to Akron, Ohio. We never went out of the state of Tennessee, Southern Kentucky, Northern Alabama.
- KY That may be headquarters.
- ES That's headquarters. Yeah.
- RF So you picked up there at the Firestone plant.
- ES The Firestone plant in LaVergne.
- RF Okay.

- KY LaVergne?
- ES Yeah. And the tire plant -- it use to be an Armstrong plant, its something else now -- I forget what -- but it was an Armstrong plant in Hendersville.
- RF And it was owned by Firestone?
- ES No, the one up there was Armstrong Tire & Rubber.
- RF Okay, so two tire plants.
- ES Two different tire plants.
- RF I see.
- DW But you do remember the Bridgestone or Firestone in LaVergne?
- I know we went down there -- sent trucks down there to pump oil and we were constantly always trying to figure out if something the market didn't do. Sometimes the oil that they pumped had some of this rubbery-looking stuff in it. We could filter it and get it out but it took quite a bit to get the rubber, to contain it and hold it in a filtering system or sort form.
- DW Alright. Now you seem sufficiently certain of what you're saying. Is that a company you visited on a regular basis.
- ES I made a visit to the Firestone plant trying to figure out ways to get them to separate the oil.
- DW From this rubbery substance?
- ES Yeah.
- DW And, but it's a company that John sent trucks to, it sounds like, on a regular basis. Is that right.
- ES I'd say, the best I can remember, I know he maybe went down there once a month to pump a little...

- DW For the period of time that we've talking about.
- ES Yeah, a period of a few years.
- RF Do you by any chance remember any people you dealt with down there?
- FS No. I sure don't. There was one man -- I can remember his face, I've seen him five years ago -- ran into him at the grocery store and we talked about it but I can't remember his name. I know he retired. He was in charge of the plant or sections, you know, he was responsible for someone hauling away whatever they had to haul away.
- KY Alright. The Trane Company. That must be their headquarters in LaCrosse. Do you recall?
- ES Let's see.
- RF The second one.
- Oh okay. Ya'll keep putting the names of the people first rather than the company. The only Trane Company that I remember was the local heating, heating and air, air conditioning people that, the commercial -- the large place they had one on 8th Avenue here I know, where he pumped oil.
- KY Did pump oil. At 8th Avenue?
- ES Uh huh. Now, I keep thinking that they had a plant but -- some kind of plant -- a warehousing facility -- maybe in LaVergne.
- DW Was this the "Trane" facility or was it someone that sold Trane equipment.
- ES No, this was the owner -- the place I remember was owned by

Trane Company. And I know we pumped some oils from there on -- equipment and stuff that they drained it out of. I fixed them a tank one time to hold it in and fixed them a tank that would -- that if it spilled and ran over it would have a container to catch the spills that came outside the tank so it wouldn't mess up their floor and keep their plant clean and all that.

- DW Okay. And you actually visited that place?
- ES Yes.
- KY 8th Avenue.
- ES Now there was one on 8th -- I remember a plant, a place on 8th Avenue and a place, I believe, in LaVergne that was like a big warehouse.
- KY Alright, the next one on the list is Carrier Corporation.
- ES Yeah. I never visited that plant. But I remember them going to them -- the Carrier Corporation and they were in one of the towns around here, I don't even remember exactly where, but....
- KY But that name is one that you recall as being a customer.
- ES Yeah.
- KY Any other questions about that?
- ES I was never at that location that I can ever recall.
- KY Alright. Emerson Electric Company in Murfreesboro.
- ES I was never there either, but I remember them going there.
- RF When you say you remember them going there, was that just through talk or did you keep any . . .
- DW Well, John gave everybody -- he wrote down a list of places

he wanted to go everyday, on a day-to-day, week-to-week basis and the way he would accumulate and make up these list was going through the records and saying -- because he kept up records, he kept pretty good records there for where he pumped and how much and he did it before anybody ever told him to do it. And he could say, I know where we need to go, we need to go to Carrier. It's been three weeks since we've been there and we've checked our records and books.

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- DW Did those lists survive. Did you have those list when you prepared this composite list.
- ES No.
- DW You just remembered this?
- KY What is his address now? Where is John?
- ES It's on Raider Drive -- the same place he's been in now for 20 years that I've known of.
- RF And what about Richard, who's he? Still in the area?
- ES Yeah. He lives on -- it's listed in the phone book.
- KY Whitebridge Road.

- ES It's off of Whitebridge Road. It's not listed on Whitebridge Road, its the street that comes right off of Whitebridge Road.
- KY But John still lives at 121 Raider Drive.
- ES Yeah. That's where he's lived now for 15 20 years that I've know of.
- KY Alright. Let's get back to -- SKF Industries. Mr. Timothy D. Gifford.
- ES Well, see, ya'll asking me to remember that and says Pennsylvania right here, right.
- KY Well, that's probably the headquarters.
- ES Where is this plant? I mean, right now, I can't remember that. I really can't.
- KY Oh, I see what you're saying.
- ES Do ya'll know where it was located?
- RF No. I don't.
- ES This is a name that I put on here a while back, I put it on here because I remembered the plant, the location.
- RF These are supposed to be pages, pages of names that Kelly had and I think the first page was from the criminal investigators' file and I really don't know the second page, do you not know?
- KY Actually, that's the page from the criminal investigator.
- DW I'm sure the first two pages are from that investigation because we furnished information and we're on the second page.
- KY Yeah, the first page was from one of the truck drivers,

- former truck drivers.
- DW You can't remember SKF?
- ES I just don't remember it. If I knew what they made or where the plant is located I could maybe try and remember whether we ever went there, if I was ever there, I can't remember otherwise. Just SKF Industries. That just doesn't ring any bells.
- KY Well, I could call that number and find out and then maybe get back to you.
- RF [Inaudible]
- KY Okay, let's go on. Aladdin Industries.
- ES Yes. I was there myself. I know we pumped oil from them, waste oil.
- KY Anybody else need any more questions on that.
- DW No, I've seen the records.
- ES Armstrong Tire. That's the next one is the tire company. I know he went there.
- KY Pirelli Armstrong Tire Company?
- ES Uh huh.
- RF And you say that plant, you think it's been sold.
- ES It says Madison here -- Tennessee -- but its right there near -- its right there were you can see it if you're standing at the plant, you can see Rivergate Shopping Center.
- RF So its really in Henderson?
- ES Hendersonville.
- DW Were you there, Ellis?
- ES Yeah. I was at that plant.

- RF And you say its since been sold.
- ES Well, I don't know. It's a different name, it's still operating I believe. It's still making tires. I'm not sure what name it is now. I think it changed hands two or three times. I think at one time Sears Roebuck owned that plant. They were making tires there for Sears.
- RF But it was Armstrong when ya'll went down there.
- ES Yeah.
- KY Okay. The next one I can't pronounce, Ringier America, Inc.?
- ES I'm not sure what that is. I really don't. There again it doesn't say where the plant would be and
- KY Corinth, Mississippi.
- ES Well I know, I don't remember the Saad's going to

  Mississippi. If they went, they might have went to Memphis

  and then shot down and did something, I don't know.
- KY You don't remember.
- ES No.
- KY Alright, Dunlop Tire & Rubber Company.
- ES I don't remember. Do they have a plant here, anywhere in the City? Seems like the name Dunlop Tire Company, I remember him going to a plant, I can't remember where.
- KY Last page, this is done.
- ES That's family there.
- KY Family. Leasing Management System, what's that?
- ES Well, you know what, just recently, lot of people calling me and asking a lot of questions and I've asked a few questions.

  I've come to find out that Norman Rollins is an attorney and

this Leasing Management may have had something to do with the people you asked me about a minute ago? When John sold out to -- what was the name?

- KY Somebody said Cowan.
- ES Cowan. Who was, I think, Cameron Oil Company. They were the owners of Cameron Oil Company in Franklin. (?)
- RF And how does that relate to Rollins.
- ES I think he -- from what I've been able to find out, he was their attorney and he had something to do with helping John sell the business to them and this Leasing Management had something to do with setting it all up. They would set it up and that operation or something -- through a third -- another party.
- DW But did Leasing Management actually acquire the business and then, in turn, sell it?
- I'm not really sure. I couldn't testify to nothing. Because I wasn't aware -- I've just been hearing myself that there was a connection. And I really still don't understand what it was all about. It had something to do with the -- all I knew is that Norman Rollins was an attorney that represented the buyers and John in some way or shape.
- RF I think they were the ones that tried to take a second mortgage on the property.
- ES Something to that effect. Yeah. That's what I've -- I've heard the name, I heard of the Leasing Management Systems and I heard the name Norman Rollins for about this thing back for quite a while. But I really wasn't sure what all the

- connections were.
- KY Alright, then you're clear on all the relations with relatives Kathy Saad. [Inaudible chatter] And Richard, another brother.
- RF Now, did Richard work the plant, or how was he related as far as work-wise.
- ES He did the bookkeeping and all the office work for John.
- RF Would he might know where the records would be?
- He might if there is any -- he'd know if there was any, who might have them, maybe. I don't think he has them, but he might. I asked him myself if he had anything and he -- you know he came to the meetings up there at the State people with me when we met up there with David Randolph and Troy Estes back some time ago. He met with them and answered a lot of these questions that ya'll have asked -- same questions ya'll keep asking and he answered to them. I think, best I can remember, I believe he said he didn't have any records and he didn't know where they were. Now, he might can go over the list if you can get him to and talk about what he remembers. Same as myself if you can get him to do it.
- KY Okay, the rest as I understand it after that next page are companies that you have indicated or identified as customers.
- ES Yeah. People we picked up waste oil from.
- RF Want any water or does anyone want coffee?
- DW Is coffee made?
- KY Alright. Amoco. These are all the corporate headquarters.

- ES I have no knowledge of corporate headquarters.
- KY Yeah. So I assume.
- RF Did you pick stuff up from the Amoco Station?
- ES Yes.
- RF Do you remember where they were?
- ES It was quite a few of them. There's still a few of them in operation. Most of them are closed, torn down, rebuilt.
- RF Do those places change hands a good bit?
- ES Yeah. I think right now, I know there is one that is on, two, three maybe three stations right there in the Nashville area that are still operated by the original owner, out of approximately 150.
- RF Okay, out of the ones that John picked up from, do you mean are in Nashville ...
- ES Well, you've got to realize that during those years, up to the time Tennessee Oil, ya'll recognize the name Tennessee Oil? Out of Portland, Tennessee? Til they went into business, John got -- there was no competition. Once in a while, someone would come in here from Alabama, Louisville, and try get a load, take it and go back. He might run into that once every two or three years and then it was just for a one-time deal. They'd come in and get some oil and head back and he'd get phone calls from everybody saying, there was somebody here trying to pick up your oil, did you send them, did you know they're in town. Some of them would even tell them that John sent them.
- RF Well, what are the three stations that are still there?

- ES Little Brothers and Wallace and Kennedy. Those are the only three names that I know are still in business. Oh, yeah, and a Mr. ... let me think, he's a Texeco now but he originally had an Exxon, I believe, he turned products, but he's over there ... what's his last name ... its a Texaco station on the corner of Nolansville Road and Murrey Lane.
- KY Is it Sloans?
- ES Sloans! That's him.
- KY On Nolansville Road. And Kennedy's Exxon.
- ES And Don Sadler, you've got -- you know what, I think Don Sadler closed up. I was over that way on Charlotte not long ago and I noticed that station's all closed up. So he's out of business. It's the fourth or fifth one there. The Littles -- see, you've got Rhea Little -- Rhea Little has closed his station.
- RF Is that the Amoco.
- ES He was the Shell Station. Formerly Rhea Little Shell. He closed. He was on the corner of Brentwood. But he still has a repair shop and garage out in that area. He just moved. I think he's on Church Street now. But, now, there is another Amoco right down the road and that's his cousin, that's still in operation.
- RF Is that the one in Brentwood.
- ES Yes, that's listed on Franklin Road.
- RF So that the Shell on 54th, is that ...
- ES Let's see if we can ...
- RF Oh, I see it here, and it was okay.

- ES It might be here, yeah.
- KY Maybe we should go straight down the list.
- ES Yeah, we probably ....
- KY Let's start with Amoco, that's the corporate headquarters.
- Now, when I was talking to Mr. Cochran about these names and we were putting some together, I told him we pumped oil at Amoco Distributorship here in town. Now, they had the same type of situation that all the distributorships that you had at Drum Co. They would drain all the excess oil out of a lot of these drums, clean them out good, get rid of anything, to make it easier to handle them, easier to store, so they wouldn't have to worry about something leaking out. They would have a draining system where they drained the drums good. And then John would pump out all this -- some of them had spill facilities where they'd catch anything that spilled and it went into a Holding Tank.
- RF And where was the distributorship at?
- Well, there was Kimbro Oil was the Amoco distributorship for years. I don't know if they still are or not, I think they are or not. I think they are. And they are located off of Charlotte. I'm not sure if they're still at that spot or not. They may have moved.
- RF Is that on Clifton Road.
- ES I believe it is. Are they on here?
- RF Yeah. They're right . . . , right under it.
- ES Alright, Kimbro Oil -- oh, okay.
- KY Then how about Cumberland Oil?

ES Yeah. They're the American Oil distributors.

DW Kimbro Oil?

ES Kimbro Oil Company.

DW That's the Amoco distributorship?

ES Amoco distributor.

DW Right.

ES Now, Amoco had a lot of company-owned stations back during the '70s. We're talking about where he's pump oil from their stations. Now Cumberland Oil was, I believe they were the Citco distributor and they also had a pipeland. They owned and operated a pipeline, where they'd bring oil in here through a pipeline that went underground and John went out there to pump oil out of tanks for them. Whenever they ever had some waste that they wanted to get rid of. Well it was all waste petroleum to the best of my knowledge.

DW That's not right.

[Laughter]

ES Sir?

DW Coffee?

DW \_\_\_(?)\_\_. You're right.

[Laughter and inaudible chatter about coffee]

RF Okay. Cumberland Oil, did you go out there?

ES Yeah.

RF So you've been there.

ES I've been there occasionally to look some situation over for him.

DW Did you go to Kimbro Oil?

- ES Yeah. I didn't go there and pump but I knew....
- MJN About the Amoco stations, how did you know that they were company stations, company-owned as opposed to a franchise.
- ES Well, usually the company, the franchisee or the owner of the station would always present him -- hey, this is my station what do you want? But the company owned stations always had a manager. And they'd always say, tell John to see the manager and he's set things up for you to get the oil or not let anyone else have it anymore, something like that, if someone tried to sneak in and get it. You know.
- RF Okay. Gulf Oil Products.
- DW Does anyone want any coffee?
- ES Now that thing on Hillsboro Road, where they had an office there and training.

[Inaudible chatter about wanting some coffee/cream/sugar]

KY Okay, are we ready? What was the next one. Are we through with Citco or did -- I mean Amoco.

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- KY Alright. Gulf Oil Products, you didn't actually visit there you don't think.
- ES Well I'm saying that location I remember was training. They had a service station that we pumped oil at. On Hillsboro Road. That location and it was their training facility where they trained managers and people to operate stations.
- KY Alright. How about Cone Oil Company.

- ES They didn't use to have them. See, I think they even have any more, but they had a whole bunch of service stations -they might be down to one now. They owned -- they had maybe
  10 12 service stations scattered around Nashville at one
  time and some of them -- not all of them -- but some of them
  had a place where they drained oil and serviced cars, needed
  to pump the oil from.
- KY Now you said you think Don Sadler Amoco is maybe closed.
- ES I believe that location is closed.
- KY But you do remember that.
- Nashville area for up to the 19 -- I think, in fact I believe his father was in the business and then he took over and he was about my age and the last time I saw him, he was running that service station and one of those car care centers for Exxon and he was a dealer. I mean he owned and operated himself for Exxon.
- RF He used to be an Exxon not an Amoco.
- ES Yeah. When John was picking up his oil, he was an Exxon distributor. I mean an Exxon dealer. He may have had a -- between him and his father, they may have had a Gulf too or Shell or something else and they're all out there on the Charlotte -- out in the Charlotte area.
- RF Okay.
- KY And you said you thought Rhea Little was also closed.
- ES Well, I know his Shell station is closed. The building is torn down now.

- KY Okay. You don't know if he's still around.
- ES I know he's still around and he's got a business.
- RF He's still around. He \_\_\_(?) or something or another.
- ES Did he?
- RF Yes.
- KY Alright. Union Oil Company of California on 51st Avenue.
- ES Well, there again, that's the bulk plant. I remember him going out there to pump oil.
- KY Did you ever personally go out there?
- ES I can't remember to be honest with you.
- DW Do you have any knowledge if that was company-owned station any recolletion?
- ES This place we're talking about on 51st Street, that was the bulk plant. That's the bulk plant.
- DW Oh, that's the bulk plant?
- ES Yes. I went to a few like -- most, out there on Centennial Boulevard, 51st Avenue, that's kind of a big industrial area and I went to two of three of the places but I never went to all of them where they were -- you know the bulk plants were and if I went there, I went there to try to -- maybe there was an interest in them wanting something built that I could build for them or John needed me to help him set up something for them to hold the oil for him so he could get it and maintain. He always tried to maintain his own tanks and, if the company needed a tank to put it in, that was the vehicle for -- you saved it for us if we furnished our tanks. And a lot of them would ask him say, if you'd put me a tank there,

- we'll save you the oil.
- RF But these tanks, when you put the tanks in, were they marked?
- ES Oh yes. We'd stencil John B. Saad & Sons on every one. We had property of John B. Saad & Sons, violators would be prosecuted.
- RF So would those tanks likely be still at a lot of these facilities.
- ES It's possible. And you may find that they'll still there but they may have taken the name off by name.
- KY Texaco at 1700 West End Avenue.
- ES That use to be a station but they -- I think its still there. Whether its still a Texaco or not, I'm not sure. Because it was a Gulf at one time. I believe its changed now to BP. And see, you're saying Texaco USA, and at 1700, in that block, that's a -- West End Avenue is a big commercial area. There is one station there that he pumped oil from and this might have been the corporate offices of Texaco in one of the office buildings -- that intersection has three 10-20 story office buildings.
- KY What about Sloan's Texaco Service Center.
- ES Yeah. That's the place on North Road. He's one of the few people that's still in business. He's still there.
- KY Did you ever go there?
- I've been there as a customer buying gas and I know our trucks were there pumping his oil during the 70's. And he was originally, at that time, with Exxon. He changed to Texaco 3 or 4 years ago I believe.

- DW Oh, he was with Exxon at that time?
- ES Uh huh. He was originally with Exxon.
- KY Okay. What's this Truck Stops of America.
- ES That's the . . . there -- I know John picked up at 2 or 3 of those places and they got one downtown in Nashville. They had one out on some of the highways, like maybe a highway going -- I know trucks always went to pump -- got their gas there, fueled up and they had one going to Knoxville, when they went to Knoxville. Somewhere between Nashville and Knoxville. And they'd pump their oil and gased up.
- KY Alright. Pilot Corporation.
- ES That was Pilot Oil. They had service stations. Mostly, cost-rate stations. You know, discount stations. They did have a couple. At one time they had a couple that he -- one or two in Nashville that he pumped some oil and he went to Knoxville and pumped all their oil at their stations. They had three or four maybe there that were full service stations at one time.
- KY Okay, on the next column, Chevron U.S.A., Windy Ridge Parkway. That one's like a corporate headquarters.
- ES Yeah. Now, Chevron had a place where he pumped -- like a bulk plant and place where they stored oil out on ....
- DW Do you know where that was?
- ES Yeah. Its on the Bordeaux Highway like going to Ashland
  City, I forget the street -- without looking at a map, what
  the name of the actual street it.
- KY Are you saying Bordeaux?

- ES Yeah.
- KY So it was actually on that highway or off of it.
- ES No it was off of it. If wanted to find it, follow the dump trucks, the garbage trucks. Ya'll heard all the news and I'm sure ya'll are aware of our dumping, or garbage dumping problems. Well, there's two or three facilities out in that area where they had both plants where they stored gas, oil, for the major oil companies.
- DW I've got a client that can build an incinerator that'll take care of that problem. If you guys give me the authority, I can talk to the State.
- KY Okay, how about Hildreth Oil Company? Clarksville Highway.
- DW Okay, now that's the ...
- ES Now, they are on the \_\_\_(?) . He pumped oil there and if you'll go on down the road past them about a mile, take a left, you'll come to a Chevron.
- KY Okay.
- DW Exxon.
- ES Shell, the next one is Shell and Exxon and Shell were both out there near on Centennial Blvd., 51st, 54th and Centennial Blvd. near the State Penitentiary. That's where the rest of those major oil companies' bulk plant were.
- DW These were bulk facilities?
- ES Yeah. That's a bulk facility.
- KY And you visited those or you just know that they were ...
- ES Well, I'm going to tell you what, best I can remember, I remember going to Cumberland Oil facilities, I remember going

- to Hillreth Oil Company, I went to Exxon's place, I went to the one, Kimbro place, and the Texaco bulk plant. Now, some of the bulk plants, like I believe the Texaco bulk plant at that time was owned by individuals, but serving this area.
- KY But basically, you're say that because he was the only outfit in town, he actually picked up from all of these people, because there wasn't anybody, unless they were getting rid of it ....
- ES Unless they were doing something with it, throwing it on the ground or something, but we pumped it, we pumped the waste oil.
- KY Okay. Airport Amoco.

[Inaudible chatter and laughter]

- KY The Airport Amoco, is that one we already talked about or is that ...
- KY You remember that one, personally?
- ES Oh yeah. Yeah, and there's an Exxon across the street from it. On the opposite corner of Truck Stop.
- KY And you think both the Exxon across the street and the Amoco
  (?) picked up stuff. All right, Little Brothers, you said they were still in business?
- ES Uh huh.
- KY And is Little Brothers the same people who own Rhea Little.
- ES Now, like this Little Brothers Amoco, as far as I know, they

are still in business. I haven't been that way -- I've been by there and I assume they still own it, I don't think they've sold it, or gotten out of the business or retired, but that one is still there, still operating and still an Amoco.

- KY Okay, what about Ben Little Amoco on Trousdale? (?) right down the street from there.
- ES He's still there. Yeah, that's ... And John got all of his oil during the 70's and he got Little Brothers Amoco on Franklin Road during the 70's.
- RF But they are different families.
- ES Yeah, its cousins.
- KY All right. How about Phillips 66 Company?
- I remember him pumping -- I'll tell you something -- that reminds me. Okay, see where Hilldreth Oil Company is on Clarksville, well, Phillips 66 used their -- their bulk plants were the same facilities at one time but I don't think -- I think Phillips 66 is just -- and it may have happened just in the last 5 years ago -- closed their bulk plant down. And where they're shipping their oils out of and all, I don't know.
- KY Are you saying they used -- had the same bulk plant?
- ES It was a pretty good size operation and they, like, shared it.
- KY Okay.
- ES Maybe it had 10 20 tanks there and each one of them used what they needed, I believe, is the way they worked it. I

know there was a lot of times there was a -- they did that -- a lot of the major oil companies. Maybe if Exxon had more space than they needed, they'd lease I guess, those tanks, for storage to another major oil company.

- KY Okay. Childs Oil Company, Columbia. Sound familiar.

  Doesn't sound familiar. Okay. Jim Polly Amoco.
- ES He pumped -- that station's still there, and where Polly still owns it, I don't know if they are still operating and own it or not.
- KY Okay. Same thing though. You remember him being a customer?
- ES Yeah.
- KY How about Kennedy's Exxon? You mentioned it too, that that was still there.
- ES Yeah.
- RF Now is that one in the same here?
- ES Now, whether he's still there now, I don't know. I know the station is still there.
- KY What about Cameron Oil Company? Did we already do that one.
- ES No, we were talking about that one a while ago. Cameron Oil was these people that bought into John's, back in . . . The way I understood it, people that bought into John or were buying -- making a deal to buy into it -- whatever really happened now, I don't know. But they owned this oil company.
- RF Okay. Before they bought in, do you remember them?
- ES Oh, I remember us going to Cameron. I remember John knowing the people.
- RF So they did pick up oil from Cameron?

- ES Picked up waste oil from down in that area. I know he would go to they'd call him, and he'd go down to pick up from some of their stations for them. They'd set things up where he'd come pick up their waste oil.
- KY Okay, is there anything more anybody wants to ask about any of the service stations or the oil companies.
- RF Cameron Oil, did they have a bulk facility in Franklin or ....
- ES Yeah. I'm thinking it was in Columbia or between Columbia and Franklin.
- RF And they had the bulk plant plus some service stations.
- ES Some service stations there, that they owned them too.
- KY Okay, the utilities that they picked up from. Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation in Clarksville. Now these I assume the same deal applies, you either visited there or knew they were going there.
- ES I remember we sent the trucks there and they'd pump oil.
- KY Okay. Same with the Tennessee Valley Authority?
- ES Yes.
- RF Do you remember where in TVA, because I remember their letter came back. I was thinking, one of the letters I got back from TVA said they didn't.
- ES Said we didn't pick up any oil?
- RF Yeah. Do you remember where you picked it up from?
- ES Lebanon Road.
- DW On Lebanon Road?
- RF And what about Cumberland -- where. Do you remember where

they were located?

- ES I don't remember where they -- I remember -- I know he went there to pump oil for them at their Lakesville (?) coop. Now this -- the place over there on Lebanon Road for Tennessee, TVA, they had a place on Lebanon Road and I know they -- these are places where I know I can remember knowing. If they had places elsewhere, he might have picked them up and I can't remember and didn't keep up with every little place, but I know the one over on Lebanon Road because that's where they held the auction and I went to a lot of the auctions to bid on equipment -- there were surplus equipment. And they had a garage there and a shop there where they -- and I believe we put them a tank there to save the oil for John -- where they worked on their trucks and drained the oil out of their equipment and trucks and then they had another place
- DW Would there be any record on that tank? I guess it's the same thing if their records are there.
- ES You know, John had an agreement like they would sign for him for the tank, and unless he's still got them -- now, you know, when he sold everything to some of the people -- Dependable Oil is the only one I'm aware of that bought him out. I know he sold it to them and sold them all of that.

  Whether they kept and maintained some of his records on tanks or not, I don't know.
- KY Dependable Oil.
- DW How many tanks like that were there Ellis, do you recall?

- Probably had, I'd say at least 70 or 80 tanks scattered around Middleton to Nashville, Middle Tennessee, that he furnished for someone or set the tank down for them to use.

  And bear in mind we're talking about, most of them are in the neighborhood of 300 or 400 gallon tank, 500 gallons, occasionally, 1000 gallon tanks.
- DW Were these underground storage tanks that you .....these are above gound.
- ES No. They sat above ground. He never put anything below ground for anybody that I know of. We'd pour them a slab a concrete to set it on if they needed it and fixed it so where if there was spill, it would be contained in a concrete embankment area. I remember one talking about the Trane company. For some reason or another, they wanted it metal, we fixed them, I think it was about a 300 or 400 gallon tank and we set it in a metal pan, to catch the spills, when it ran over, if it ran over, you know, and you -- \_\_\_(?)\_\_ pull the hoses out, they'd drip oil, \_\_\_(?)\_\_ they'd catch it because they didn't want their yard to be messed up.
- DW So you had a metal pan under that tank?
- ES There were a couple of them where you had to put something other than a concrete basin -- vault, I called them a vault, to catch everything.
- DW Of the companies that we've talked about already, do you recall any other tanks? Specifically, you mentioned Trane.

  Anyone else?

- ES Uh--well, he had a tank system.
- DW Yeah.
- ES Let me think. I--it's just so hard to remember exactly where...
- KY You said Kimbro Oil. Would they have a record of...
- ES If he turned any records over to them about anything, they should have them if they haven't destroyed them.
- DW Was there any employee other than you or John that might have a recollection of where tanks would have been installed? Who did that work for you? Did you do it yourself or...
- ES I did it.
- DW No, but...
- ES I did most of that, yeah. I could probably, you know, give it some thought and remember where we put some of them, but...
- DW All right, if as we go through, like South Central Bell or TVA, do you recall any other tanks specifically mentioned?
- ES No, I believe--the tank we had out there--the tank at the place on Lebanan Road. I remember him--us putting that tank out there. We gave them a tank to put it in.
- DW Did Textron have a tank?
- ES I, uh, you know, uh, only remembering, I can remember from
  Textron was that we went out and got drums. Yeah. I think,
  if I'm not mistaken, they had a--I say Textron, Avco had a-had some kind of separator system, and y'all would have--they
  would separate it and skim the oil off of uh, whatever, you
  know. I think y'all--they used it for a coolant. It was

coolant oils that they used to cool the--you know, when they cut and grill aluminum, cut and form and shape, milling them, and then they would separate the stuff, he'd get the oil out of the drums 'cause that's where the--the separator would put them and fill up drums for them.

- DW How 'bout, uh, let me ask this question.
- ES It was uh--what y'all say it was while ago? What y'all say, you said you had some, uh, what kind of oil did you say you had?
- KY Oh, animal fat.
- ES Animal fat. It was animal fat, you know, it might have been.

  I wasn't around.
- DW All right. How 'bout Bridgestone Firestone? You have any recollection of a tank being installed to them?
- ES Can I ask you a question? Is that representing more than one company?
- DW No, uh, just Firestone Tire, whatever that facility is. I'm just asking about a tank at that specific place.
- KY Is Dependable Oil still here in Nashville?
- ES Yeah, it's still out here.
- KY Okay. So when you get an address for them, see if they have...
- ES I think they're on Van Buren Street. If we got a phone book here I can look--we can look it up.
- KY Okay.
- RF Are they owned by Cowan?
- KY He just sold them the uh, tank or part of the business?

RF Okay.

ES I think, the way I understood all of it to happen was, and-and I may not have it in the right perspective, but, John--I think he sold to Cameron Oil, the people in Columbia and Franklin and, uh, and that was Cowan, I believe it was, wasn't it? Mr. Cowan? And that -- I don't think it lasted more than six months. Maybe a year at the most. Somehow or another, whatever the deal was and agreement, it went sour, they all backed down and they went back to Franklin. And then he sold to Dependable Oil. It was a fellow named Stan Jones, best I can remember. Stan, I believe, Jones, was the I don't know if he still is or whether he still has anything to do with it. I've seen his trucks driving around town, so I assume that he, uh, uh, he uh, he's still operating it. Whether someone else has taken it over or not, The reason I'm saying that he is, I heard he I don't know. was injured pretty bad in a motorcycle wreck two or three years ago and he's either paralyzed from the waist down or something like that.

RF And what's his name?

ES Stan Jones.

KY Did he buy the property too?

ES No, no.

KY He just bought the business.

ES No. Nobody ever bought the property.

KY Okay.

ES Because the mortgagees held it, repossessed it, offered to

lease it to all these people, and then when they didn't want to pay rent, they threw them all out.

KY Okay.

And my knowledge is that the place--and I was on the facilities a few times because I gave people estimates to remove some of the tanks, every time someone wanted to come in there and use it, they wanted to either change something or--or do something different with it, they'd--they'd ask, what would it cost to move this, move that, get rid of this tank, get rid of this, tear this down, build this, you know. And uh, and I'm talking about as early as 19, uh 1983 or '84, there were people calling me to give them estimates of the--the mortgage man called. You know.

RF Okay

ES The brick yard. I gave the brick yard an estimate one time to dismantle all the tanks, clean it off and level everything so they could use the facilities.

RF So would they have sold it to Dependable in about '83?

I--my--best I can recall and all, and I've looked through a lot of documents, papers, and I clipped some, you know, if I saw some in the paper. I--I can't remember exactly and I can't find nothing to be sure, but I believe all of the transactions of selling it to Cameron and then selling it to Dependable was all during '81 and '82. You know, no later than '82. In '83, I know the place was vacant, and wasn't nobody there. There was people parking their cars on the property that worked next door and down the street, across

the road. Everybody parked on it for years.

- KY Okay, let's move along. South Central Bell.
- ES Let's see, where, where are we now?
- KY We're uh...
- RF Down on the page...
- Okay, yeah. Okay, now, you know they had a--they had numerous places where they worked to service their trucks and drain the oil from their service trucks and all that. They had more than one location where he pumped oil. I know one, I can remember where a couple of them was, but I don't, I don't remember where all--I know there's one that's closed now that they don't use any longer.
- RF Where was that at?
- It's over there off of, uh, Murfreesboro Road and Polk

  Avenue. Its right across the street from uh--uh Ryder Truck

  Rental. If you look up Ryder Truck Rental address, it'd be

  right across the street from it. And then they had one, I

  know, that, on 8th and I--I'm gonna say 8th and \_\_\_(?)\_\_\_, I

  believe that's where it was. It's still there, and it's

  still a telephone--place where he--whether they change oil

  there now or not, I don't know.
- RF It's 8th and what?
- ES 8th and--no, I'm sorry, not 8th. Let's see. I really need a map. A city map.
- MJN I have one in my car?
- ES Do you? Do you know if y'all got a phone book somewhere?
- RF I don't know.

ES The Nashville phone book...

DW The phone books come with the more expensive room, don't they?

(Laughter)

RF With a fireplace...

DW Yeah, you know, the view of the landfill back on the other side.

RF Okay, way to go.

DW Ooh, all right.

## Tape 2 - Side 1

RF I don't even have any phone numbers so I know --

There is only one so far that I know of that has called me

-- that I cannot recall and do not remember us ever pumping
any oil and he claims that he didn't have any oil. I don't
remember right off who it was but I'm sure we can come up
with it. If I take this list with me and go through it I
will probably remember it and bring it to your attention.

Ma'am do you remember the Lane Company? Lane and, there in
here somewhere. Its an industry. He came to pick me up and
took me to his plant down in Lavergne and I remembered it and
I told him where everything was that I remembered and I think
he said ---- he was telling me that they never had any oil,
and I said but I know we were out there at least once.
Beyond that I couldn't say. And we pumped some oil for you
cause you had some to get rid of. He had a lot of motor

- equipment and all. He was telling me that they took the oil and spread it on their wood shavings and stuff. It is a cedar partnership type operation and they spread that stuff on the cedar shavings and then they burned the stuff.
- KY What about Earl Dunn, getting back to that automobile dealers and service centers. Earl Dunn Pontiac -
- ES I remember him going there. I think ----
- KY Okay, how about Vic Jenkins Chevrolet?
- ES I remember him going there, but I can't recall if I was ever there.
- KY Alright, the Midas Muffler Shops?
- ES I was at a couple of Midas Muffler shops and I know he picked up oil. Most of them all had a few drums. They'll have one or two drums that they would fill up every so often.
- KY Do you remember any of the particular locations?
- ES Not really.
- KY Okay.
- MJN Do you know were those owned by Midas or did you have any way of knowing that they were individually owned?
- ES To my knowledge, none of them were ever owned by individuals.

  They were all Midas Muffler Shop corporations.
- KY Are we ready to move along into car rental agencies?
- ES Yes.
- KY Alright, Hertz Rent-A-Car.
- ES Yes.
- KY You went there sometime yourself?
- ES Yes.

- KY How about Budget Rent-A-Car? Avis?
- ES We put tanks in a lot of these places. Right off, I can't remember how many of them or all of them, but I know that we put tanks at least three out of four.
- DW Avis?
- ES You know, you got to realize this was back in '70's.

  Everyone of them is in a brand new facility today. They are not even the same location and they all got brand new facilities with new tanks and new everything.
- KY But, you think three out of four of them at least you had
- ES I'll say Avis, we had a tank, and Hertz and Budget and
  National, I don't remember, you know, having a tank. In
  fact, I remember them being a little bitty small, one little
  drum set up.
- MJN Do you remember the locations of any of these at the time you were \_\_\_(?)\_\_\_?
- ES Well, they were all around the airport, the places I ----
- KY Okay. The wrecker (?) truck, bus lines and other services.
  Van Dusen and airport services?
- ES I remember ----
- KY Nashville Jet Center.
- ES Yes. I know he went there. I was out there numerous times looking at what they had for him and ----. These were all at the Nashville Airport.
- KY Overnight Transportation?
- ES Yes.
- KY You were there yourself?

- ES I was there a time or two myself.
- KY Tennessee Cartage?
- ES I remember him going there to pump oil, but I was never there.
- KY Okay.
- ES Never had any reasons to go there.
- KY Greyhound?
- ES Yes.
- KY Humbolt?
- ES Yes.
- KY Roadway Express?
- ES Yes.
- KY Nixon Detroit Diesel?
- ES Yes.
- MJN He asked if you have been there?
- ES Yes.
- KY That's what he asked me if he had been there and a question mark I'm putting for the ones that he is sure they were customers that he never actually went there.
- MJN Okay.
- KY Robert Orr? Sysco Food Services?
- ES Yes.
- KY Yellow Cab Company?
- ES Yes.
- KY And Ryder Trucks?
- ES Yes.
- KY Now, if you have anything else that you want to tell us about

any of these, stop and say that ---

MJN Any tanks, or anything you ever specifically did there.

KY Yes, if there were any tanks you recall specifically or anything like that.

ES I don't remember.

KY I don't want to hurry you along. I'm just afraid that we are not going to finish.

ES Nixon Detroit Diesel. He had a little tank there.

MJN Was it the one ya'll put in?

ES Yes. It was above ground, cradle type.

DW Who was that?

KY Nixon Detroit Diesel.

KY Okay, how about United Parcel Service? On Massman Drive?

ES Yeah. I know he pumped oil. That's all I remember for that.

KY Okay. PIE?

ES Yes. Alaskye (?) Highway Express.

KY I'm sorry.

ES Alaskye (?) Highway Express, something like that.

KY Oh, okay.

KY Metropolitan Transit Authority?

ES Yes.

KY Caterpillar Tractor Company?

ES Yes.

KY You were there?

ES Yes, but I don't remember. I remember us pumping it in Caterpillar tractor but I don't remember 2 Brentwood Commons, that must be the office. Their plant was in Lavergne.

- KY Okay. Cummins Cumberland?
- ES Yes.
- KY What was that?
- ES That's a diesel operator. They overhaul and built and sold diesel engines.
- KY Okay. Yellow Freight System?
- ES Yes.
- KY Every time you said yeah that means you actually went there.
- ES I was there. I was there for some reason or another. Making the deal, picking up the waste oil.
- KY Right. Okay, Kroger Company?
- ES Yes.
- KY Malone and Hyde?
- ES Yes.
- KY And Checker Cab?
- ES Yes.
- KY Is there anything else about those companies that you remember that, any tanks other than you recall than that at Nixon?
- ES I can't remember. Just because I can't remember don't mean we didn't happen to have a tank there.
- KY Okay.
- MJN Was Kroger was that where they had just a distribution center or service?
- ES Yeah where they yea.
- MJN On what street?
- ES Elm Hill.

MJN Elm Hill. Okay.

ES Its at their warehouse, they had a place where they worked on trucks and tow motors, stuff like that.

MJN Okay.

- I can't say that I was ever there. I don't ever remember going in there and checking on the oil but I know that he pumped oil. And, I know that he went to Malone and Hyde.

  ? \_\_\_\_\_, that's another grocery chain operation.
- KY Alright, ready to start with the industry list? That's a long one. There may be duplications in there, too. It looks like some.

DW There are some.

KY Okay. Alright, you want to do it the same way? I mean, that's kind of rushing through it. But, okay, so if you say yes, that means you had something to do with it or you were there or had some knowledge other than just . . .

ES Yes. I was there -

KY Okay, how about Ajax Distributing Company?

ES Yes.

KY What do they do?

ES They're a distributor.

KY Okay.

KY Beaman Bottling Company?

ES Yes.

MJN If you remember the address as being different, you might point that out to.

KY Yes. That's a good idea.

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KY Is that Dot Distributing Company?
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ES Det Distributing Company.

KY Det?

ES That's another beer distributing company.

KY Okay.

DW Alright.

MJN Keith, you remember that one.

(Laugh)

KY Balz Brothers?

ES Yes.

MJN Was Balz Brothers, what do they make?

ES Packaging company. They make meat packages.

MJN Just like boxes.

MJN Okay. Meat packages.

ES Yeah. Bologna, sausage, salami.

MJN \_\_\_?\_\_\_

DW Animal fat? (laugh)

MJN There you go. (laugh)

DW He's representing the wrong company.

KY Okay. Rudy's Farm Company?

ES Yes.

KY Paramount Packaging Corporation?

ES Yes.

MJN And what do they package?

ES They and to my knowledge of them, they manufacture packaging equipment.

MJN Materials?

ES Materials. Bags and stuff like that. And he pumped oil from their plants and it says, on Samsonite Road and right next to them is one of Samsonite's luggage. In fact, I think they made some kind of furniture at the plant. And he pump, we send folks there to pump the oil. I was never in the plant for anything for John, but I know that he went down there to pump oil for them.

MJN So for both Paramount and Samsonite.

ES Yeah. I believe Samsonite might be on this list somewhere.

MJN Okay. That's all.

ES Okay. Go ahead.

KY Alright, Murray Ohio Manufacturing Company?

ES Yes.

DW Okay, are you sure? You visited to Murray?

ES Yeah.

DW And that's a company -

ES I went to the plant and I can't remember, it wasn't on Franklin Road, that's their offices, I believe. They have a plant in Lewisburg. I remember going to their plant to help set things up for John to pumpoil.

DW Did you give them a tank?

I don't remember giving them a tank. See, you've got to realize that sometimes John would send one of the men down to deliver the tanks and set them up. Unless I had a reason to actually be there, I was not always there. But, I might have made arrangements, said hey, you know, let's get them a tank or I'll get you a tank and get it ready. I did all the

welding, fittings and make sure that we would fix them so they would have a way to pour stuff in and have lids on it and covers and things like that. Whatever is necessary.

- DW But with regard to Murray, you have specific recollection ---
- ES Ohio Manufacturing. As we are referring to the bicycle plant, where they manufacture bicycle and lawn mowers.
- DW Okay.
- KY Thompson & Green?
- ES Yes.
- KY Robertson Cheatham Farmer's Co-op?
- ES Yes.
- KY Hardaway Construction?
- ES Yes. Hardaway Construction was on Main Street and we went around to the basement of their building where they had a little place they service their equipment. I know that we were there and I was with one of truck men one time because they could not find it.
- KY Oman Construction Company?
- ES Yes
- KY Dozier Equipment International?
- ES I remember him going there but I was never there.
- KY Okay.
- KY E.I. DuPont?
- ES I know he went to DuPont in Old Hickory but I was never there. Sent a truck out to pump oil a couple of times. I don't think he had went out there much. Occasionally they'd call and say they had some waste oil. I never looked at it,

- never checked any of it, but I know he went there.
- KY Textron Aerostructures? Avco Aerostructures, we already talked about that.
- KY Midstate Tractor and Equipment Company?
- ES Yeah. They are out of business or they moved from that location. I don't know whether they're still or they just moved or what, but they're no longer there.
- KY State Industries Inc.? By-pass road?
- ES Oh that's the State Stoves. I was never there but I know he sent folks up there to pump oil a few times occasionally.
- MJN And what's, what did you say the name of that was there, stoves?
- ES State Stoves. They make hot water heaters.
- MJN Okay.
- KY Uh, Meadow Gold Ice Cream Company?
- ES I was never there, but I know he sent trucks there.
- KY Reel Foot Packing Company?
- ES I know we went there but I was never there. They were owned \_\_\_?\_\_.
- KY By who?
- ES ?.
- KY Okay. Western Auto Supply?
- ES Yes. They had two or three stores at one time where they serviced and repaired all the cars and changedoil.
- KY Did you pickup at the stores there, the different stores?
- ES Yeah. I know they got one on Old Road Steel and I believe the one out there on Charlotte is still out there.

- KY Okay.
- ES And I think the ones I may have visited had four or five stores.
- KY The Bailey Company?
- ES Yes.
- KY What do they do?
- ES They manufacture, I mean, sell and distribute service tow motors.
- KY Okay. Heil Quaker?
- ES Yes.
- KY Whirlpool Corporation?
- ES Yes.
- KY When did you pickup at whirlpool? Was it that address?
- ES No. They had a place in Lavergne. At this Arcata Graphics, but it used to be Baird Printing. I never was there but I know he sent a truck there pump some oil occasionally.
- MJN And did they, like printing or \_\_? ?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Davidson Farmer's Co-op?
- ES The Davidson County Farmer's Co-op. Yeah. Now they had that place on Second Avenue and they also had a place on LaVergne that we'd pump oil from. They had others, I can remember those too. I don't remember what all, which every one's, where all he pumped and didn't.
- KY Alman Construction Company?
- ES Yeah.
- KY You visited them?

- ES Well no, I remember him going there, but I was never there.
- KY Okay. West Nashville Wrecker Service?
- ES I was never there but I remember him going there. Gallatin Steam Plan for TVA, I was there myself.
- KY Okay. U.S. Tobacco?
- ES I was never there but I know he went there to pump oil.
- KY Okay. Power Equipment Company.
- ES I was there. They're no longer at that -- well, let's see, this is Air Lane Drive. That's their new location.
- KY Okay
- ES I was there. Their old location was across the street from U.S. Tobacco.
- KY Okay. Davidson Equipment Company?
- ES Yes.
- KY You were there?
- ES I was never there.
- KY You were never there. Alcoa?
- ES Uh ---
- KY Burton Hills Boulevard?
- ES I don't know them -- Nashville, Tennessee? That's got to be some kind of -- Burton Hills Boulevard in Nashville,

  Tennessee is a big residential development.
- KY Okay.
- ES There ain't a factory or plant in miles, but they used to place in Alcoa, Tennessee for aluminum that I know he went up to pump some oil a couple of times a few years ago.
- KY Okay.

- ES I was never there but I know he pumped it.
- KY Alright. Sealtest Ice Cream?
- ES I was never there but I know he pumped it from there. Now this says Franklin Road and the Sealtest Plant I remember was on Church Street, downtown Nashville.
- KY Okay. How about Universal Tire Company?
- ES Yeah, I was there.
- KY Peterbilt Trucks?
- ES I was there.
- KY U.S. Pipe and Foundry?
- ES I remember going there to pump some, one time, but I was never there.
- KY Aladdin Industries?
- ES Yeah, I was there.
- KY American Marine and Machinery? In Hendersonville
- ES I don't remember the Hendersonville location but I remember

  American Marine and Machinery on \_\_\_\_?
- DW Were you ever there?
- ES Well I was at a place, American Marine and Machinery here in Nashville, right in town, but not in Hendersonville. See but they closed the place there were here in town and this might be where they moved to.
- KY Okay. Colonial Baking Company?
- ES I was there. I was at the next one.
- KY M. Cohen. IKG Borden?
- ES Now that was, now didn't we have an IKG or some kind of name like that I was puzzled about?

- KY Yeah. I think we did a division \_\_\_ ? \_\_ I think we did early on.
- ES Oh well, this division of Firestone Corporation is \_\_\_?
- MJN That was SKF you couldn't remember.
- ES Okay. This one is a company that did, manufactured office furniture and I know he pumped oil from the \_\_\_? \_\_ tow motors and things like that.
- KY But you weren't personally there?
- ES I was never there.
- KY Okay. Genesco Inc.?
- ES I was never there but I know he went there
- KY Nashville Oil Mill Corporation.
- Nashville Cotton Oil Mill. I know he went there in the early 70's. I think they were closed and folded in about '74, let's say '75. They weren't, they hadn't been in business very long after he started, he set up over on (street name inaudible).
- KY Alright. Newspaper Printing Company?
- ES Yes.
- KY You were there?
- ES I was there.
- KY Rogers Manufacturing Company?
- ES Yes, I was there.
- KY Steiner
- ES Yes, I was there.
- KY What's that say? Steiner
- ES Steiner Liff Iron & Metal.

MJN Was that, is this the right location for that?

ES I believe so, yes. South Street. It's just across, it's on the river.

MJN Well there's some other companies in town named Steiner Liff.

Okay. So you just remember those \_\_\_?

ES Yeah. Steiner Liff Iron & Metal Scrap Iron Yard, yeah.

They, now there was Elson \_\_\_ ? \_\_ Metal and Iron, they own it now.

MJN Okay.

ES They bought them all out.

MJN Okay.

KY Okay. Lennox Industries?

ES I don't remember them but I remember him going to pump oil.

KY Samsonite Furniture?

ES Samsonite, yeah, I remember him going there.

KY But you didn't actually go to Samsonite?

ES No.

KY Base Commander at Ft. Campbell?

ES Yeah, I remember going there to pump oil. I think at most times he would have to, you know they'd send it out for bid and even if you weren't going to pay nothing for it you still had to submit a bid to get it. Qualify to go get it.

DW Did you ever go out there?

ES Yeah. I went up there occasionally to like...

MJN You did go?

ES See, I've done work at Ft. Campbell on the base, construction, and I know I went up there he'd say "If you're

going to be up there get me a sample of that oil they got, they're getting ready to put out for bid." You know.

- KY Okay. Lebanon Aluminum Products?
- ES I remember him going there but I was never there.
- KY Okay, Precision Rubber Products?
- ES Lebanon, yeah, I was there.
- KY Okay.
- MJN Do you remember where in Lebanon?
- ES I could take you there and find it if I had to but as far as roads, whether they are still in business or not, I don't know.

MJN Okay.

- ES They manufactured products for automobiles, you know, like gaskets and rubber type products, like for your hydraulic systems and braking systems and things like that.
- KY Okay. Acme Industrial?
- ES On \_\_ ? Road. I remember him going there but I was never there.
- KY American Bread?
- ES I was there.
- KY Amtrol?
- ES I was there.
- KY Betty Machine Company?
- ES I was there.
- KY John Bouchard and Sons?
- ES I was never there but I remember him talking about it. I think he also sold them some old fluid one time.

- KY Now, none of these we've gone over on this page do you remember whether they had any tanks installed?
- ES No. If I think of one, if it hits me, I'll holler out.
- KY Ford Glass Plant?
- ES He picked up oil from them and sold the oil.
- KY But you were never there?
- ES Oh yeah, I was at the Ford Plant. Picking up samples or helping line something up to be done.
- KY Okay. Nashville Bridge Company?
- ES I was there.
- KY Purina Mills?
- ES I was there.
- KY Werthan Industries?
- ES I was there.
- KY Mike Rose Foods?
- ES I was never there but I know that he sent a truck there to pump oil from their trucks and tow motors.
- KY Okay. Trew Industrial Wheels, Inc.?
- ES I'm not sure about that.
- KY Okay. You don't remember one way or the other?
- ES I not sure what kind of company that is.
- KY Okay.
- ES I know where there was two or three companies on Wilhagen Road that he pumped it.
- KY International Paper?
- ES In LaVergne, yeah, I remember him going there.
- KY Okay. You did not go there?

- ES No.
- KY Pillsbury Company?
- ES I was never there but I remember him going there. Rich Products also but I was never there. RobertShaw Controls Lux Division. I was there.
- KY TRW?
- ES Ross Gear in Lebanon, I was there. I picked up a sample here and there.
- KY Do you remember anything else about any of those companies you think might help you?
- ES No. I'm not going to say whether he didn't have a tank in some of these, I just can't remember.
- KY Okay. My next page is ...
- ES I believe National Printing Company moved the newspaper printing. I believe he had a tank there at one time.
- KY Okay. Did you get that, National Printing? Is that Newspaper Printing Company?
- ES Yeah. Newspaper Printing Company.
- KY Okay. May have had a tank.
- ES Yeah.
- KY Newspaper Printing Company, you think they might have had a tank?
- ES I remember him putting a tank there, a little tank, kept putting it in the drums and he kept making such a mess and it was near the alley and it looked so bad, so maybe the boss would come through and raise heck about it, see about getting

- it cleaned up. So John would put them a tank in to try to help keep it clean, you know.
- KY Okay. My next page starts with Texas Boot Company?
- ES I was never there but I remember them going there. That was one of the places that the drivers always wanted to go there and they fought over who was going to go so they could get a pair of boots.
- KY Okay. Walker Dye and Casting.
- ES I was never there but John. I remember him talking about it.
- KY Okay.
- ES He's one guy that call me and insisted that we never pumped any oil. I couldn't really swear that we did or we didn't.
- KY Okay.
- ES But, I remember him talking to him and trying to get oils from him, him having some, so I don't know.
- KY Okay. Reliance Pen and Pencils?
- ES I remember us going there. I was never there.
- KY Oh, okay. Gould, Inc. Electric
- ES I remember him going there but I was never there in Lexington.
- KY Blue Bell, Inc.
- ES Yeah. I was never there but I know they went.
- KY Odom Sausage?
- ES I was never there but I know that he went there.
- KY Acme Boot Company?
- ES In Ashland City, I know they went there but I was never there.

- KY Alright. Hester Battery
- ES I was there.
- KY Levi Strauss in Centerville?
- ES I was never there but I know that he went there. I know he came back with blue jeans and everything.
- DW That was my next question?
- ES Yeah. They always manage to get a few fringe benefits.
- KY Alright. How about Container Corp.?
- ES I remember the name and them going to pump but I was never there.
- KY Southern Centrifugal.
- ES Same thing. I never went to any place in Chattanooga but I never was doing things for him but I know that he sent trucks down and came back with loads of oil.
- KY Okay. So a much of these are Chattanooga. Tennessee Steel, same deal, U.S. Pipe and Foundry.
- ES U.S. Pipe and Foundry, I know he went there. I talked to some people on the phone with some of these places, you know. If I happened to be there and answer the phone, I would make notes and help him set it up for someone to go down there.
- KY Alright. Scovill, Inc.?
- ES I was there.
- KY Teledyne?
- ES I was there.
- KY Reliance Machine Work.
- ES I don't remember that one but I know that he went there to get oil.

- KY Jack Daniels --
- ES I know he went there to get oil. I was never there.
- KY Delong --
- DW What did they come back with from Jack Daniels?
- ES I'm not going to say. Sometimes, they didn't make it back.
- KY Delong Sportswear?
- ES I don't remember that one. I remember him talking about it but I don't remember if he got any oil or not. I know that he sent trucks to get it.
- KY Aluminum Company of America?
- ES I remember him going there.
- KY But you don't --
- ES I was never there.
- KY Okay.
- ES I was there but not with John.
- KY Yeah. Southern Iron Equipment Company?
- ES I remember the name and the company and them going there but I was never there.
- KY Industrial Metal Corporation?
- ES I don't remember.
- KY Okay. Combustion Engineering?
- ES I remember them.
- KY But you didn't go?
- ES I was not there.
- KY You never went to any of these Chattanooga --
- ES I never went to Chattanooga for anything --
- KY So the rest of that page, you remember them but you did not

go?

- ES Yeah.
- KY Do you remember any of these companies had any tanks?
- ES I remember the Chattanooga names and companies and him going there, but I never went.
- KY Okay. Bendix Corporation in Cleveland?
- ES I remember the name, I never went there, but I remember them going there.
- KY How about Charleston Hosiery?
- ES The Hosiery Company? Yeah.
- KY Yeah, you went?
- ES No, I never went there.
- KY Okay. Tennessee Tufting?
- ES I went there.
- DW What did they come back with from the Hosiery Company?
- KY Customs Steel Fabricators?
- ES In Columbia, yeah, I remember him going there.
- KY But you did not go?
- ES I didn't go.
- KY General Electric Company?
- ES I never went to General Electric Company but I know that he went there.
- KY Packaging Service Corporation, in Columbia?
- ES I remember him going there but I was never there.
- KY Tennessee Knitting Mills?
- ES I was never there but I remember him going there.
- KY Union Carbide in Columbia?

- ES I remember him going there but I was never there.
- KY Okay. Duriron Company, in Cookeville?
- ES There were two or three companies he went to Cookeville to get oil. I wonder if ya'll have his name right. There was a transmission place in Cookeville?
- KY I got Fleetguard, Pepsi Cola, Duriron
- ES Schrader Automotive, I remember him going there.
- KY DACCO
- ES Where's that?
- KY It's over on the other column. I was just looking to see.
- ES Yeah, that's the transmission place.
- KY Okay. You remember him going there?
- ES Yeah. I was there.
- KY You were there? DACCO?
- ES Right. I went there and got some samples.
- KY Okay, let's get back and finish up that first column?
- ES Okay.
- KY Duriron, you don't recall?
- ES I don't recall that. Unless you told me what it was or what they did, I couldn't recall.
- KY Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in Cookeville?
- ES Yeah, I remember him going to Cookeville for the bottling works.
- KY But, you didn't go?
- ES No.
- KY Fleetguard?
- ES I wasn't there but I remember, I know they sent a truck

there.

- KY Schrader Automobile Products in Dixon?
- ES I remember him going there. I was there.
- DW You were there?
- KY Yeah, I was there. Picked up a sample.
- KY Okay. Tennessee Casting Company, Dixon, Tennessee?
- ES I remember him going there but I don't remember it.
- KY Fairview Division, Miami Foundry Corp.?
- ES I remember the name and company but I was never there.
- KY Okay. Next column, Eaton Corporation?
- ES I remember them. There weren't in, it says, yeah, Cleveland,

  Tennessee. I was going to say it wasn't in Tennessee when we

  went to one of the plants.
- KY Do you remember going there?
- ES I remember going to Eaton Corporation.
- KY Okay.
- KY How about Cleveland Chair Company?
- ES I don't know.
- KY Consolidated Aluminum Corp?
- I remember going there but I don't -- see lots of time if he got a call from a town, an area, and if I went got him samples from who called, the truck driver sometimes would go down and check a few other places or John would get on the phone and try to make some calls to see if there was other oils in the area, unless he needed someone to go get a sample and bring it back, we didn't go.
- KY Yeah.

- ES I mean I would not have had any reason to go.
- KY E.I. DuPont in Columbia.
- ES Yeah, I know he went to them to pump some oil but I was never there.
- KY Hooker Chemicals and Plastics in Columbia?
- ES I remember the name Hooker Chemicals, but I was never there.
- KY Monsanto ....?
- ES I remember the name but I was never there.
- KY Publix Shirt Corporation in \_\_\_? \_\_ Columbia?
- ES I remember the name but I was never there.

## KY/MJN [Laughter]

- KY Too bad you don't have \_\_\_?\_\_.
- MJN Let me ask if the shirt companies and pajama things. What would they have?
- ES Pajamas. They came back with pajamas, yeah.
- KY What would these companies have had?
- ES Waste oil from the tow motors. Most of them all had some equipment, tow motors, trucks, their service truck, their tractor trailer rigs, you know, most of them all have a place where they drain a little oil and save it in a barrel, with drums, tanks, that's that only time we get involved with tanks if they needed somebody. A lot of times, these little companies in these little rural areas would -- if there were going to save it for him, he'd have to bring some tanks to put it in.
- KY So a lot of these little companies you think, may have had tanks?

Oh, I'm sure a lot of them did. At one time or another, he gave most of them two or three hundred, four hundred gallon tanks, small tanks. We were always constantly be on the look — a lot of your major oil companies would a lot of time have little tanks that they'd let him have or sell to him for \$25 a piece. I picked up, one time on a truck, 5 or 6 little tanks that sit at these places. Is that that machine making that?

MJN No, I think that's a cat back here -- either cat or kids.

ES Did you bring a cat with you?

KY Oh, I thought you were banging something.

ES Sounded like its a cat.

KY What about Acme Boot Company in Cookeville.

ES Yeah.

KY Yeah, what?

ES I know he went to -- they went to the boot company and the plants -- there's one in Ashland City and one in -- there are two or three of them scattered around Middle Tennessee that made certain calls to, to pump oil.

KY Alright, how about Royal Crown Cola Bottling Company in Cookesville?

ES Yeah.

DW Did you skip DACCO or did I miss it?

KY We did that earlier. He had been there. He'd personally been there.

ES Yeah, I remember I went to pick up a sample for him.

KY At Royal Crown Cola in Cookesville you said they -- you

didn't personally go there.

- ES No.
- KY Munsingwear -- Clarkville.
- ES I remember I was never there but I know we went there.
- KY Henry Siegal -- Dixon, Tennessee.
- ES I don't remember the name. Unless you tell me what they did I can't help you.
- KY Fairview Castings Division.
- ES I remember the casting company but I never there.
- KY Ok. American Roller Company.
- ES ? . I just can't remember them.
- KY Okay. I just put two question, but he doesn't remember the -- any discussion about it. Alright, Essex Controls Division. Do you know what they did?
- ES I remember the name but I was never there.
- KY Okay. Georgia Boot Durango?
- ES I would have remembered going there, but I was never there.
- KY Nashville Drum Service.
- ES I was there.
- KY You were there.
- ES Yeah. We've gone over that.
- KY Okay, yeah. Precision Tubular Heater Corp.
- ES I remember the name, but I was never there.
- KY Cresent Manufacturing Company.
- ES I remember the name, but I was never there.
- KY DAB Industries.
- ES Right now I can't remember unless I knew what they did.

- KY Okay. Gallatin Aluminum Products?
- ES I remember the name, but I was never there.
- KY Rock-Tenn Company.
- ES I remember the name, but I was never there. I believe they had insulation, they might have made some insulation.
- KY If I'm going too fast, say so and if I'm giving you enough of a chance to think about it.
- MJN So you never went to Rock-Tenn.
- ES Not to the plant other than knowing he went there to get oil.
- MJN But you specifically remember that company.
- ES Yeah.
- KY Alright. Tepco.
- ES I don't remember.
- KY Alton Box Board Company.
- ES Yeah, I remember the name of the company, but he went there though, to pump oil.
- KY Brace Hardwood Floor.
- ES I remember the company, and him going there to pump oil.
- KY International Paper.
- ES I remember that company but I was never there.
- KY Owens Corning Fiberglass.
- ES I remember them going there but I was never there.
- KY Okay. CPS Industries.
- ES I remember him going there to pump oil \_\_\_? but I was never there.
- KY Jamison Bedding.
- ES He pumped oil there too.

- KY Kusan...
- DW Did you go to Jamison Bedding?
- ES I didn't go.
- KY Kusan Manufacturing Company.
- I remember he went to their plant. It's Franklin,

  Tennessee ? . I remember him going there but I was never there.
- KY Span Deck.
- ES I remember them going there but I was never there.
- KY Acme Boot Company.
- ES Yeah. You know all these boot companies, I can recall him going to like maybe four cities scattered around Nashville to pump oil at a boot company. And some of them sound to me like we -- we're coming up with so many names they might be repetitious.
- KY I think they are. Donnelly Printing Company.
- ES I can remember them going there to pump some oil but I was never there.
- KY Eaton Corporation Brake Division.
- ES I was never there but I remember them going there.
- KY Kraft, Inc.
- ES I wonder what that is. Is that Kraft Foods or ....
- MJN It's Kraft Foods but not Gallatin.
- ES We pumped oil from Kraft Foods. I went to a couple of their places for him.
- MJN Which ones do you \_\_\_?
- ES I went to one in Nashville, I know, at least once or twice

- for him. Whether they had one in this, in Gallatin. I don't remember Gallatin having a place.
- MJN Do you remember in the one in Nashville what they actually made there?
- ES Well it was just the oil from their trucks, tow motors, stuff like that.
- KY RBI Inc.
- ES I don't remember -- I don't know what that is.
- KY American Olean Tile.
- ES I remember going there to pump oil.
- KY Consolidated Aluminum Corp.
- ES I remember ....
- DW Did you go to American O...?
- ES No. Not at Consolidated either.
- KY Quaker Oaks Company.
- ES I wasn't there, but I remember them going.
- KY Rockwell International.
- ES There were two of those. I remember them going there but I was never there.
- KY Okay. So you didn't go to any place on this page except Nashville Drum Service. Is that correct?
- ES That's correct.
- MJN What about when you said Kraft?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Oh, Kraft and Nashville.
- MJN And did you say there was another place that you think you picked up from for Kraft?

- ES Well, I said -- they had a place near Nashville. At the time I can remember it was on Thompson Lane.
- MJN And that's the only one you.....
- ES That's the only one I can tell you that I was tell, and remember going to their plant to pick up oil.
- KY Okay. Next page. Interstate Foundry and Machine Company, Johnson City.
- ES I remember the name but I was never there.
- MJN What happen to Packaging Corporation?
- KY Oh, I'm sorry. [Laughter] Packaging Corporation of America.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Okay. Levi Strauss.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Kingsport Foundry and Manufacturing.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Link Electric and Safety.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Accurate Aluminum Products.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there. That's in Knoxville.
- KY Knoxville?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Alignment Engineering Company.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Arwood Can Manufacturing.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Container Corporation of America.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.

- KY Modine Manufacturing Company.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Southern Foundry Supply Company.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Chromalox Instruments and Controls.
- ES I remember the name but I was there.
- KY You were there?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Oh! Yea!! Got one! Coats Company.
- ES I remember the name but I was there.
- KY Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.
- ES I was there.
- KY Burlington Industries, Johnson City.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Johnson City Foundry and Machine Works.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY AFG Industries.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Boyce Steel.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Alliance Press.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Accurate Paper Box.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Allied Products Division Carrier Corporation.
- ES I remember the name but I worked.
- KY Was not there?

ES I wasn't at their plant in Knoxville.

MJN When you say you remember the name, and you say you remember the trucks coming back ....

ES Coming back with their tickets and turning them in and ...

MJN So you remember more than just maybe ya'll talked to them about....

ES Oh, yeah, yeah.

MJN Okay.

ES I didn't -- if I'm not sure that we got oil, I'll say scratch their names.

MJN Okay, okay.

KY Alright, Alpha Industries. What do they do.

ES I don't know. You'll have to tell me what they do.

DW Chemicals.

MJN What?

ES I don't remember them.

KY Okay. You don't remember them at all?

ES No.

KY Okay. I'm going to put two questions then. You don't remember at all. Alright, Levi Strauss of Knoxville.

ES I remember us going up to Knoxville to their plant and pump oil.

KY But you didn't go.

ES I did go.

- KY Okay. Precision Disk.
- ES I remember the name but I wasn't there.
- KY Southern Railway. Coster Shop?
- ES I don't know what that .....
- KY I don't know what that means.
- ES I remember Southern Railway shop in Knoxville and I was there.
- MJN So you actually were there?
- ES Yes.
- KY Allvan Corporation.
- ES I was there.
- KY Dana Mek Corporation.
- ES I don't remember the name and I can't, you know. What do they do?
- KY I don't know. Sun Electric Corp.
- ES I remember the name and I was there.
- KY You were there?
- ES Yes.
- KY Okay. I had on that page he was at Sun Electric, Allvan, Southern Railway Company, Chromalox Instruments, Coats Company and Firestone. Is that what everybody else kinds of has.
- DW Now, which ones did you have again? Sun Electric, Allvan, Southern Railway, Firestone and Coats.
- KY And Chromalox.
- DW Oh, and Chromalox.
- KY Okay.

## [Chatter among all -- re: getting some water]

- KY Okay. Teledyne Firth Sterling.
- ES I was there.
- KY You were there?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Troxel Manufacturing.
- ES I was there.
- KY Lebanon Handle Company.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY Lebanon Wire.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY Universal Rack.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY Pajama Corporation.
- ES I remember it well but I wasn't there.
- KY Levi Strauss & Company in Maryville.
- ES I remember them.
- KY Vulcan Materials.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY BetterBillt
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY Greer Smyrna.
- ES I was there.
- KY Tridon.
- ES I was there.
- KY American Snuff Division.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.

- KY Bolen Leather.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY Hinkle Chair Company.
- ES I remember it but I wasn't there.
- KY Tennessee Farmers Coop.
- ES In Lavergne?
- KY In Lavergne.
- ES I was there.
- DW You were there?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Albright Wohrley.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Lebanon Rack.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Toshiba.
- ES I don't remember them.
- MJN You don't remember.
- ES No ma'am. What did they do. What did they have?
- DW They make lead trunks.
- ES They make what?

## [Laughter]

- KY But you don't remember?
- DW When I lived in Japan I had a kerosene space heater made by Toshiba. I know what they make.
- ES I don't remember them. I don't remember us going to that place.
- KY Okay. Batesville Casket.

- ES I remember them and I wasn't there.
- KY Stewart Industries.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Master Craft Boats.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Pathway Bellows.
- ES I remember them but I was there.
- KY You were there?
- ES Yeah.
- KY Centerline Manufacturing.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Lane Company.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there. Lane was the company I was telling you about a while ago. But see, they're saying here it says Lowery Street and they own most of the road.
- MJN Now did you go there?
- ES I went to the plant on Murfreesboro Road.
- MJN Oh, okay. So you went to their ?
- ES He took me to that plant and showed it me. He claimed that they never had any oil \_\_\_?
- DW This is Lane we're talking about.
- ES Yeah, if that's the same Lane in Smyrna that manufactured carpeting and cedar furniture.
- KY Okay. Acme Boot Company in Springfield.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Barbee Tool and Die.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.

- KY Carmet Company.
- ES ? . What did they make? I can't tell you.
- KY Okay. Wilson ...
- ES Wilson Sporting Goods -- we were there.
- KY You were there?
- ES I was at one of their plants.
- KY I've got Teledyne, Firth, you were there, Troxel
  Manufacturing, you were there, Greer, Tridon, Tennessee
  Farmers Coop, Pathway Bellows, Lane Company at Murfreesboro
  Road, and Wilson Sporting Goods. Next page. The Tappan
  Company.
- ES Now, this is Springfield?
- KY Yeah.
- ES Tappan had a plant here in Nashville at one time and I was there. I don't remember -- I remember us pumping oil from their plant more than once but I wasn't at the Springfield plant.
- KY Okay.
- ES Springfield, Tennessee.
- KY Interstate Packaging Company.
- ES I remember them but I wasn't there.
- KY Kwik-Vibe Manufacturing Company.
- ES I'm not sure what that is. I've heard of Thompson Station and I'm not even sure if I've ever been to Thompson Station.
- KY Alright, Kardon Industries.
- ES Um. Kardon. White Bluff. I know we went to White Bluffand pumped a lot of places. I can't say for sure that's it, without knowing more about what they did or something like

that.

- KY Okay. On that page, the only one I had marked is the Tappan Company in Nashville.
- ES Yes.
- MJN So, when you all put this list together, you were going, working off of...
- ES We had some books -- I had a book -- its a book I used to help John, you know like say, with Company cost. And then we'd say, well while we're down there in that area, lets find out who else down there needs service. And it was like an industrial listing of -- State of Tennessee industrial listing of manufacturers and what have you. And then I used the phone book too.
- KY But the bottom line thing you said before was that it was nobody else. It was basically no other competition in this general area.
- ES No, a lot of times we found that if we went to a town like Lewisburg, Manchester, Cookeville, and Flaskie and we checked around and found out that they were -- if they had waste oil, had generated any waste oil, and they weren't saving it for nobody, because there was nobody to pick it up, they were throwing it on the ground.
- KY Does anybody else have any other questions they want to ask him.
- MJN I remember a company or competitor, even if it was shortlived, out of Gallatin.
- ES Oh, you're not talking about ...

MJN No, not a customer, but anybody else that would have picked up?

ES Oh, that would have picked up?

MJN Uh huh.

ES Yeah.

MJN Okay. So there was one.

ES But they weren't up there until about -- they came into existence up there about '78, '79. Prior to that, we got all the oil in Gallatin. And they were a division of the man out in Knoxville...

KY Who is that Necessary....?

ES ... and we got a lot of oil of out Knoxville until they set up, uh...

KY That's who you're talking about?

ES No, it wasn't Necessary. It was a -- the place in Knoxville started out to be -- it was petroleum. The last time I was aware of anything it was petroleum recycling. What they are now -- as far as I know they're still up there operating.